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Following is the gist of information obtained from Subject during his visit to Source's house on 22 May 1968, from 19.30 to 23.30 hrs.

1. On his arrival Subject noticed the 5th issue of Suchasnist and with a great interest read the article about Skaba. He made a few notes and commented that indeed the Suchasnist had very well and "properly" characterized Skaba. On the other hand he was surprised the editors evidently did not know about Kondufor's removal as well, or at least it was the impression he inferred from the article.

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2. Fedir Ovcharenko, the author of the article in Komsomolskaya Pravda about Ginzburg, Dobrovolsky and Co, could not be the same Fyodor D. *Ovcharenko who had succeeded Skaba. Even Subject, though in much lower position, would never take on him^{self} to write such an article.

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Moreover it was incompatible with Ovcharenko's position.

Most probably, the Ovcharenko from Komsomolskaya Pravda was a fictitious name, and quite ~~probably~~ possibly deliberately chosen.

One could never exclude the possibility that someone wanted to use this name for some special reason. "One never knows those things" - was Subject's conclusion. But he was positive the two Ovcharenkos were different persons.

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3. Subject does not know personally *KAPTO, the new leader of Komsomol. On his speech in which KAPTO attacked the Unionists and former nationalists, Subject commented that evidently the party was worried about revival of religious feelings among the young people and nationist trends in general. In Subject's opinion, the respective parts of KAPTO's speech were not his own but dictated from CC. One has to realize that even people like KAPTO have just to say what they are being told to.

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4. The best way to "kill" Travets was to isolate him from his emigre contacts and to ignore him completely. "Let him maintain contacts with the 'progressives' only".

Shevell raised his head recently but sooner or later he will have to go, to . . . This will come as its the fact that today he goes together with the CC. In Subject's opinion both, Shevel and the KGB conduct a wrong policy and when Subject returns to Kiev he will try to prove to CC "with facts". The CC has to realize that such policy is simply harmful for the whole Soviet system and the present trend has to be changed for the better in order to avoid further complications and exacerbations. He hopes he will succeed at least in some aspects. Moreover that he hopes to have ^{in his efforts} some support even from some friends of Shevel, like, for instance, CHB NIAVSKY Viktor.

5. Travets crossed out "good" name from the guest - list at the Mission in New York. But . . . should not worry about it. In case, Travets would try to "har" Source from ^{Michael Denisovich} POLANYCHKO, she should take initiative herself to get in contact with him. Anyway, []
STYUR will maintain contact with Source but he will be only for that purpose. "Politics" should be discussed with POLANYCHKO. Source should simply demand from POLANYCHKO to start action along cultural exchange with emigre. In the first place she should suggest such things as publication of emigre poets and writers in the USSR, visits of emigre artists to the USSR, exchange of books and publication with emigre scientific institutions etc.
Of course, Source can talk about these things also with others but she should concentrate on "big fish" like POLANYCHKO, BILOKONOS and alike. She could talk sincerely with STYUR but she must keep in mind that his authority is quite small in comparison with that of POLANYCHKO or BILOKONOS.

6. In the things that are now at hand I don't think there will be arrests or ~~other~~ harsh forms of persecution against such people as STYUR, POLANYCHKO and alike. This would make only too much turmoil and would "pour oil on the fire". In fact, only, just recently Shevel published Oniuba. This would also indicate that at least for the time being he will be left in peace.

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7. Asked whether he considered any demonstrations in Kiev in any way, as it had happened in recent years, Subject replied that under present tense circumstances and general climate nothing could happen.

8. Source and her friends should always read very carefully speeches and pronouncements by such people as SHULEST, SHCHERBYTSKY and others. She should not bother with their usual phraseology which is a must for everybody. She should read between the lines.

Because whatever one says about these people, in Subject's opinion, they are good Ukrainians and are concerned about the Ukraine.

He is the one who called SHULEST a nationalist and the situation ^{at one time} was such that either SHULEST or SHCHERBYTSKY had to go. So Shulest had to make Shcherna go.

9. Needless to deny that SHCHERBYTSKY was the one who interrupted contacts with emigration. There were many reasons for that. Above all a fear that Kiev will come shorter out of it. Conducive to that impression were also all kind of public utterances ^{in the emigre press} stressing that emigration was getting more from contacts than Kiev. But the main reason lies in recent developments in the Soviet Union itself and in USSR. Still it would be wrong to do anything to break down all the contacts on the part of Source and her friends. They should be kept warm and cultivated, by all means. Subject put great hopes on DMYTRYUK who had already become active and was quite impressed by her approach. Albeit, so far she was mainly concerned with the progressives on whom she started to work quite efficiently. Quite helpful will be also ~~also~~ lately signed agreement on cultural exchange between the USA and the USSR.

10. Asked about Pavlychko, Subject said she had visited Source at one time, Subject replied that they both were fine. As to Pavlychko - so some people tried to isolate him from the delegation of CPC last year. And speech, indeed, is being prepared for the role of a new Tyckyna. Actually, "they" started to work on him when he was still in New York by giving him the post of Secretary in the Union of Writers. He is very

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Also when asked to agree on some "sign" in the letter by which Subject would tell her it were time for Source to come to Kiev, Subject replied he would write straightforwardly it was time to come and it was better this way because otherwise he might confuse the ~~xxxx~~ signs and make mistake.

15. According to Subject he did not think SKABA will stay for long at his present position with the Institute in Kiev.

16. It was quite unpleasant to make PhDs and other higher degrees at Kiev University because of ^{existing base} pettiness, small jealousies, and too great an influence of party potentates on University affairs. Therefore, quite a few people go to Moscow, Leningrad, and recently also to Lvov. RYLIK defended his thesis in MINSK.

17. KIMIL'S daughter, the poetess, is going to come to New York, on a visit.

18. Subject hopes to be back in New York after his thesis or rather ~~xxxxxx~~ after two years or so. Now he will work at the Foreign Ministry in Kiev.

19. According to Subject it was wrong when the emigres thought all Soviet diplomats were KGBists. It was not true. "Should ^{it} be ~~be~~ true then there would be a terrible shortage of KGBists inside the Soviet Union!" he joked.

20. Subject took with him "Holy Bible".

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